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1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: the closest prior art Markovitz et al teach an electrical insulating material, particularly for use as groundwall insulation for high voltage generator stator bars, wherein the electrical insulating material comprises a resin binder and about 2 to about 30wt% of submicron particles of silicon dioxide, aluminum oxide, titanium dioxide and/or zirconium dioxide with a particle size of about 0.006 to about 0.05 micrometers, and the resin binder is a thermosetting polymeric material such as epoxy and polyester resins. Markovitz et al do not teach or render obvious the instantly claimed nanosized filler particles in the claimed thermosetting polymers, having the claimed thickness and electrical breakdown strength.

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